

Regular Meeting  
August 14, 2018

The Eaton Town Council met in a regular meeting. Present are Blankenship, Welsh, and Hicks. DeWees and Reese are absent.

President Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Council President Blankenship opened the floor up to the Public Hearing.

Wayne Bailey from Common Wealth read the ad that was ran in the paper for the USDA Planning Grant for Water Department. Wayne explained that this is at no cost to the Town. Discussion followed. Hicks made a motion to proceed with applying for the grant. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council President Blankenship closed the Public Hearing.

Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the of the July 10 Regular meeting. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Snodgrass brought up a property that has been tagged for the Weed and Accumulation of Rubbish Ordinance. We have received complaints about the yard and cats on the property. Snodgrass is to call the Health Department. There is another property that has been tagged for the same thing. Hicks made a motion to have Marcum is to get bids to clean up the yard only. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Newby presented the Council with pictures of the new fire truck.

Marcum presented the Council with a proposal from Culy to fix a hydrant at Center and Harris St. The hydrant isn't working. There is also one at Harris and Hartford St. Discussion followed. Hicks suggested we wait on Center and Harris and get a bid for Harris and Hartford for the next meeting.

Marcum brought up that a culvert on 1000 N has collapsed. County says it is not theirs. Marcum to get bids for the next meeting.

Hunt said that IDEM has approved the Sewer use Ordinance.

Hunt said the Sewer/Stormwater Project has been approved to go out to bid.

Hunt presented the Council with a bid from Merrell Bros to clean the digester. The bid only listed hourly costs. The price won't be known until the work begins. Hicks made a motion to allow Hunt to proceed with Merrell Bros. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Foster told the Council September 12, 18 will be his last day working for the Town. Marcum asked about hiring someone before then to start training? Welsh made a motion to advertise for Street Department position. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Time clock was brought up. Welsh asked several questions about employees being called salaried. Discussion followed. Welsh made a motion to not purchase time clocks. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Welsh brought up getting someone to come in and cleaning the Community Center once a month. Welsh made a motion that bidders do not have to be bonded. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bids are due by the next Council meeting.

Delaware Community Schools are concerned about the road and sidewalk in front of the Eaton Elementary School. Mr. Stebbins presented the Council with a plan for the school to pay to have the road from the side parking lot and the sidewalks fixed by the school. Welch made a motion to allow Delaware Community Schools to mill and repair that section of East Union Street. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Tungate is concerned about people blowing grass into the roads when mowing and leaving it. Discussion followed. Council discussed amending the Leaf Ordinance. Hicks made a motion to amend Leaf Ordinance to add blowing grass into roads and alleys. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dee Martin brought up about keeping leaves out of the gutters. Discussion followed.

Debbie Bales said kids have drained her pool and she would like an adjustment again for the sewage. Welsh made a motion to adjust sewage one more time. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Blankenship opened the bids for 2018 Paving. E & B Paving bid \$380,068.00 for 5 roads. Brooks 1<sup>st</sup> bid was \$347,611.00 for 5 roads. Discussion followed. Hicks made a motion to award bid to Brooks 1<sup>st</sup> Construction Company, Inc. for \$185,484.00 for 150 E (from 1000 N to 900 N) pending the outcome of the Community Crossings Matching Grant. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Blankenship opened the bid from Aaron Swoveland to repair the outside brick wall for the Community Center. Welsh made a motion to accept bid from Swoveland for \$550.00 to repair wall. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Welch made a motion to approve the building permit for Kimberly Cox-Brown at 705 E Indiana Ave. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council was asked to wave the deposit to turn water on for the Food Pantry. Council said they can't it is an ordinance. Discussion followed.

Julie Reed presented the Council with pictures of flood damage done to her house. Darren Cansler said his basement is flooding also. She said the employees have been told to block of the road when it floods and haven't been doing it. Eric and Shea are to use the bobcat and clean out the gravel along the curb. Discussion followed.

Payton Robinson wants permission to let the scouts have a camp out in the park. Hicks made a motion to allow them. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hicks made a motion to sign claim docket. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hicks made a motion to sign the Sewage Bond. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

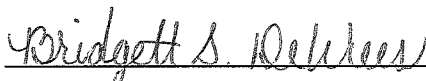
Welsh made a motion to sign the contract for LWG. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business brought before the Council, at this time Hicks moved to adjourn. Welsh seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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Daniel Blankenship, Council President



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~~Vicki Hargis, Clerk-Treasurer~~  
Deputy Clerk.